Beaver Creek Zone Monida Unit

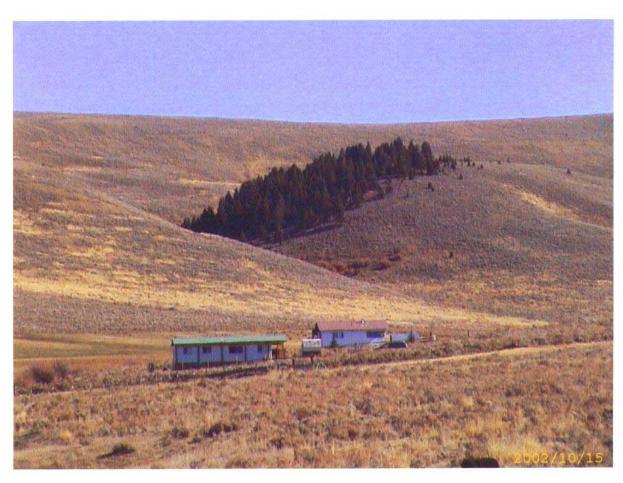
The Monida Unit is the northern unit of the Beaver Creek Zone. This unit is in the Centennial Mountains and borders the Montana State line along the Continental Divide. This unit is 27,520 acres in size and is mostly in private ownership. There are 19,840 acres in private land and 7,680 acres in State and Federal ownership. The estimated summer population for Monida is only about 40 people at the peak. The vegetation is mostly sagebrush/grassland except for the east side near Humphrey, where it is Douglas fir, some scattered lodgepole pine and whitebark pine. The whitepine blister rust is damaging and killing many of the whitebark pine. Ranching is the main activity in this unit. Since 1980 there have been 6 fires in the Monida Unit with 3 lightning and 3 man caused. Two of the man caused fires were railroad fires. The railroad and Interstate 15 divide this unit in half. The Fire Risk Rating for this unit is 25, a low risk.

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- 3. The City/County Volunteer Fire Department needs more volunteers to make the Department most effective. Giving proper training and compensation for training and for fire suppression may help encourage volunteers. The Spanish population has continued to grow in Dubois and many families own homes. Encouragement to all who live in the City to support the volunteers should be considered. This could begin immediately in 2003.
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- 5. Burning permits have been available in Clark County for many years. The Dubois Ranger District has been issuing the permits for the State of Idaho. With the Sheriff's Office being designated as the Information Center, it would be the Sheriff's Office that would issue burning permits from May 10 through October 20. The Sheriff's Office would then notify the suppression forces stationed in Clark County of the burning permit issuance and its location. This would also include notifying the East Idaho Fire Dispatch located in Idaho Falls. This process would begin with the burning season on May 10, 2003. A handout would be made up by the County to pass out to all the homeowners and landowners in the County to remind them to obtain a burning permit. This handout will be prepared by the Wildland Fire Committee and reviewed and approved by the County Commissioners and sent out in May 2003.
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<u>Beaver Creek Zone</u> <u>Pleasant Valley – Miners Creek Unit</u>

The Pleasant Valley – Minors Creek Unit is located in the Centennial Mountains. The vegetation is more of a forested community. This is mainly Douglas fir with mixed pockets of lodgepole pine and aspen and some smaller pockets of alpine fir. Many of the valleys are sagebrush and grasslands. This unit is 53,120 acres with only 1440 acres of privately owned land. The population is about 350 people on a peak summer day. The main activities are ranching and recreation. Stoddard Creek, Pleasant Valley, and Minors Creek are very popular recreation destinations during the summer and fall. This unit has had 11 fires since 1980. Six of the fires were lightning caused and 5 man caused. The Fire Risk Rating for this unit is 35, high risk.

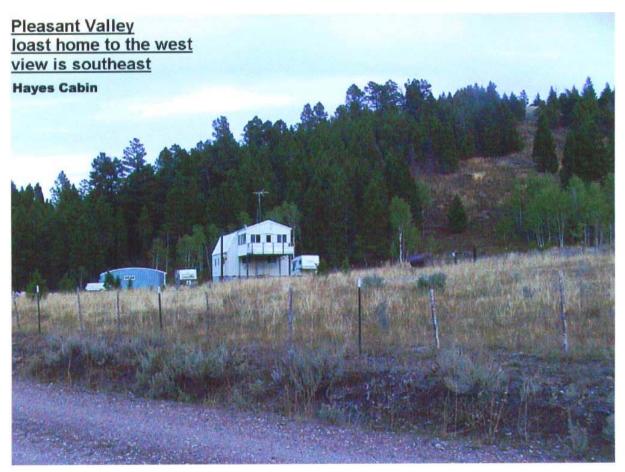
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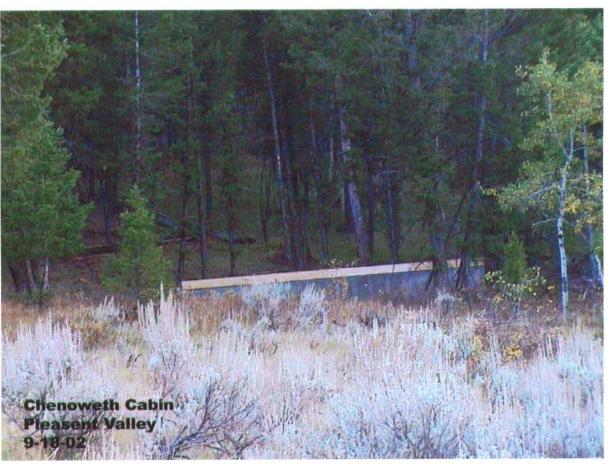
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Beaver Creek Zone

Three Mile Creek - Rattlesnake Creek Unit

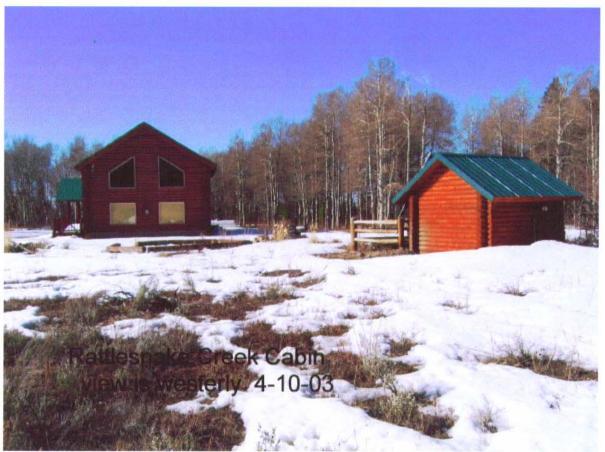
This unit begins in the Centennial Mountains and runs all the way to the Clark County and Jefferson County boundary south of Dubois. This unit is 98,560 acres in size. There are 44,480 acres of privately owned acres. The north and higher elevations of this unit are forested. Mainly with Douglas fire and smaller patches of mixed Douglas fir/lodgepole pine and some aspen groves. The lower parts of the unit are sagebrush/grasslands, with some agriculture areas south of Dubois. All the lands in this unit are grazed by livestock except for the agriculture lands. The summer population of this unit is estimated to be 100. The majority of the recreation occurs in Three Mile Creek. A total of 6 fires have occurred since 1980. Two of these fires were lightning caused and the other four were man caused. In 1981 one of the largest wildland fires occurred in this unit. It was approximately 37.730 acres. The Fire Risk Rating for this unit is 26, moderate.

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- 6. With over 10,000 acres of Conservation Reserve Program (CPR) ground in Clark County, this type of fuel needs treatment to isolate it from other fuels in the same area. The CRP would provide the ignition source for the rest of the surrounding area. There are 348 acres of CRP land in the Three Mile Creek Rattlesnake Creek unit. Disking around the edges of the CRP ground could separate this highly ignitable fuel from the rest of the area. Grazing could also be effective in reducing the fuel in the CRP system. Disking or grazing could begin in 2003 and continue for the length of the CRP agreement.
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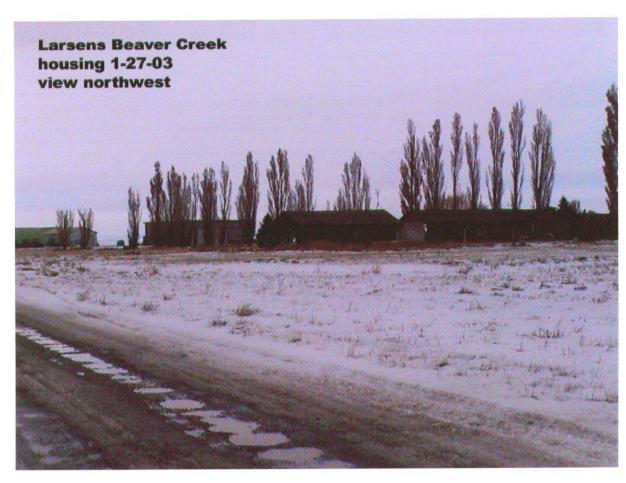


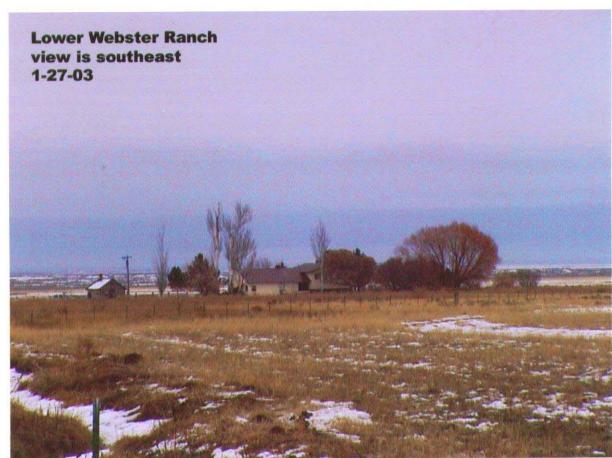
Beaver Creek Zone Cottonwood Creek Unit

Cottonwood Creek Unit is the west unit of the Beaver Creek Zone and drainage. The upper end of the unit is in the Centennial Mountains west of Spencer and the lower part is south of Highway 22 and southwest of Dubois. This unit is 95,360 acres in size and includes 44,960 acres of privately owned land. The fuels in the unit are sagebrush/grasslands except for the mountain area, which is Douglas fir forest with mixed pockets of Lodgepole pine and Alpine fir. There is also a lot of agricultural farm ground south of Highway 22. This unit has most of the Conservation Reserve Program (CPR) land in the County. There are more than 5000 acres of CRP land. This unit has had 24 fires since 1979 and 9 of the fires were lightning caused and 15 were man caused. The estimated summer population is about 100 people. The Fire Risk Rating for this unit is 34, a moderate risk.

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<u>MITIGATION OR ACTION PLAN</u>

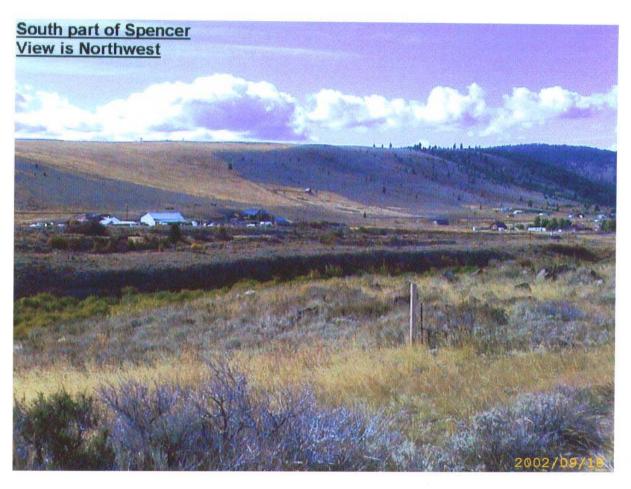
Beaver Creek Zone Spencer Unit

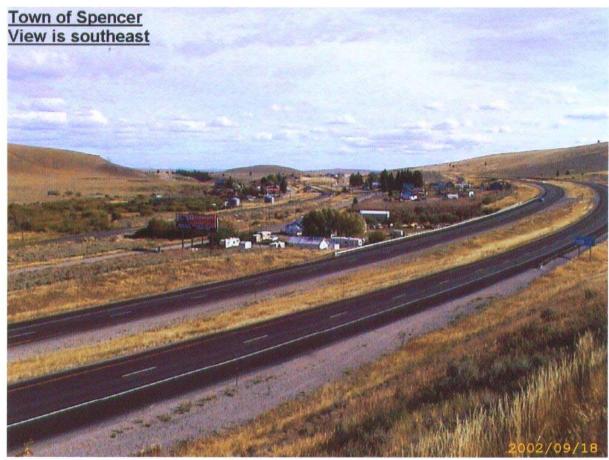
Spencer is the last City in Clark County and Idaho going north along I-15 towards Montana. Spencer has been known as the Opal Capital of the World. The estimated population for the summer is about 100 people. The winter population is about 38 people. Spencer is surrounded by wildland vegetation and some heavy fuels are located in Huntley Canyon on the Northwest side of town. Huntley Canyon provides the water for the 6 fire hydrants in town. There are some vacant lots and some lots with vehicles or structures that have flammable fuels that could carry wildfire in town. There is a fire hose cart that is for use with the fire hydrants, but the hose is old and may not be useable.

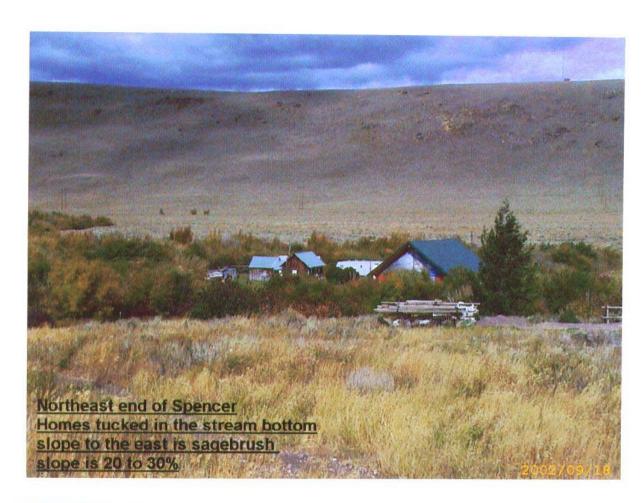
The fire risk rating for the City of Spencer is 39. This high risk is due to the building density. There is a concern for structure fires in Spencer due to the distance from the City/County Fire Department in Dubois. The response time may be too long to save the structure but may be able to save surrounding buildings.

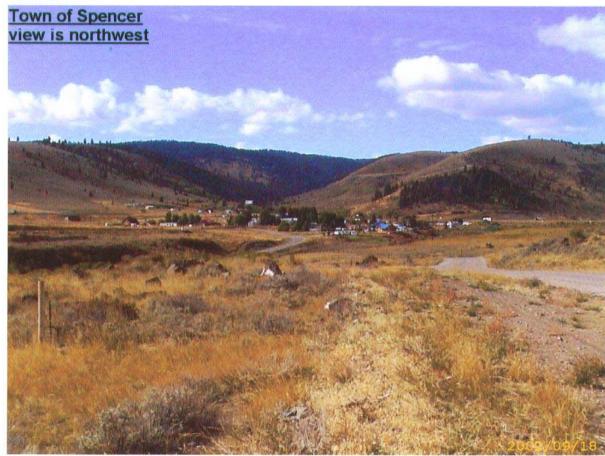
- The City/County Volunteer Fire Department could help the City of Spencer remove the hazardous fuels in vacant lots and road and railroad right-of-ways. Spencer should also obtain mowers that could remove hazardous fuels. Operators of the mower could be Spencer volunteers or a paid operator. Chemical treatment could also be used in controlling hazardous vegetation. A grant could provide the source for mowers, chemicals, and operators. Apply for the grant spring of 2003. Mowing or chemical treatment would begin as soon as the mowers could be obtained.
- 2. Maintaining a firebreak around Spencer is important during the dry season of the year. Most of the fires occur late July and through September. The firebreaks would be part of the City fuel reduction project and would be scheduled along with the vacant lot and right-of-ways fuel reduction. This would begin in the summer of 2003, when the equipment and chemicals becomes available.
- 3. Implement a fire prevention and education program that contacts businesses, residents and rural homeowners. Prevention materials will be provided for all the building users in Spencer. The materials will encourage maintaining safe zones around homes and businesses. Both Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service have prevention materials available and can provide them for the City. This material will be available in the summer of 2003.
- 4. When the Dubois red fire engine is surplused, it could be stationed at Spencer. A temporary shelter would be needed to protect the engine. The temporary structure could be built in 2003 and a permanent structure built in 2004 through requests in grants.
- 5. Huntley Canyon provides the water supply for the 6 fire hydrants in Spencer City. The water supply may not be available or adequate during a hot dry summer. A well in the City needs to be drilled and water made available for fire suppression.

- 6. Develop a city map with street names and house numbers and post in the City/County Fire Department. A professional map service would be obtained to develop the map. The map should be prepared for use by the spring of 2004.
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Beaver Creek Zone Dubois City Unit

Dubois is the County seat and has an estimated summer population of 700 people. The City is accessible and has a local volunteer City/County Fire Department. Responses to fire emergencies in town have been good. The fuels surrounding Dubois are mainly sagebrush. The large fire of 1981 came very near Dubois and the large fire in 2000, Catch 22, began just ½ mile South of town. In the Dubois Zone, there have been 6 fires since 1980. None were know to be lightning caused.

Fire Risk Rating for the Dubois Unit is 43, a high risk. This is due to population and building density.

- 1. The City/County Volunteer Fire Department has been burning hazardous fuels in vacant lots and road right-of-ways. This practice needs to continue so that there is not a hazardous fuel build-up. When conditions get to dry to burn, or the area is not available for burning, two options would be available. One would be to treat the area with chemicals to reduce vegetation growth or the second would be to mow the area or right-of-way with equipment. Either method would reduce hazardous fuels from developing. Mowing or chemical treatment when funds become available to use either or both methods.
- 2. Maintaining a firebreak around Dubois is important in dry years. Most of the fires in this area begin in late July and through September. The firebreaks need to be in place before August. Keep the vacant lots burned or hazardous fuels reduced by mowing or chemical treatment on a regular schedule through the spring, summer, and fall. Cattle or sheep generally grazes the lands surrounding Dubois. The livestock grazing these lands help reduce the fuels and provide the fuel breaks needed. The largest part of the fuel break will begin with grazing season, usually June, 2003, the burning usually in the spring of 2003 and the mowing or chemical treatment will occur when mowers and chemicals are obtained.
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- 4. Develop a city map with street names and house numbers and post in the City/County Fire Department. A professional map service would be obtained to develop the map. The City has already assigned the street names and numbers. The map should be prepared for use by the spring 2004. Look at adding the Red Zone program to Clark County. This is a computer program that has capabilities of listing location, what exists at the location, such as homes, other buildings and type of materials used for construction, best routes to reach the area and what other hazards may exist. The County Planner would also use this program and

- update when new structures are built. This program with computer could be applied for with a grant and the field work to put it into the program would also be requested. This request could be made in 2003 and fieldwork contracted in 2004.
- 5. Provide the City/County Fire Department volunteers with training in wildland fire suppression. Training is available through Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. Training would be continual over the years but should begin in May June 2003.
- 6. Provide training for City/County Fire Department volunteers, County Sheriff's Department, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and State of Idaho representatives in Clark County in the National Incident Command System. This system provides the training for agencies working together on one emergency or on several emergencies going at the same time. This training would begin in the winter of 2004.
- 7. Support the volunteer fire department by providing financial compensation for the time spent in all fire training. This support could be requested through the many grants that are available. The City/County Fire Department should apply for grants this spring 2003.
- 8. Provide updated communication for City/County Volunteer Fire Department. This would include radios capable of holding Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and State of Idaho frequency, so communications are clear between all agencies. Pagers and cell phones are also necessary for the volunteers to get notification of fire emergencies. These could be procured through available grants. Grants should be applied for this spring, 2003, and continue for following years.
- 9. Develop a local interagency joint information center, which would include Clark City/County Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and State of Idaho. The information center could be activated during wildland fires and would ensure accurate up-to-date information is delivered to the public. The agencies working together would be trained in the National Incident Command System. The Sheriff's Office would be the logical place to have the information center. The Sheriff's dispatcher would be called about any fire incident and be informed of the fire size and who the incident commander will be. The incident commander would periodically call the Sheriff's dispatcher with update of the fire.

Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service use a common East Idaho Fire Dispatcher in Idaho Falls for reporting fire incidents. The Clark County Sheriff's Dispatch would be a second step for them, but would provide local information in Clark County. This procedure could begin this fire season in 2003.

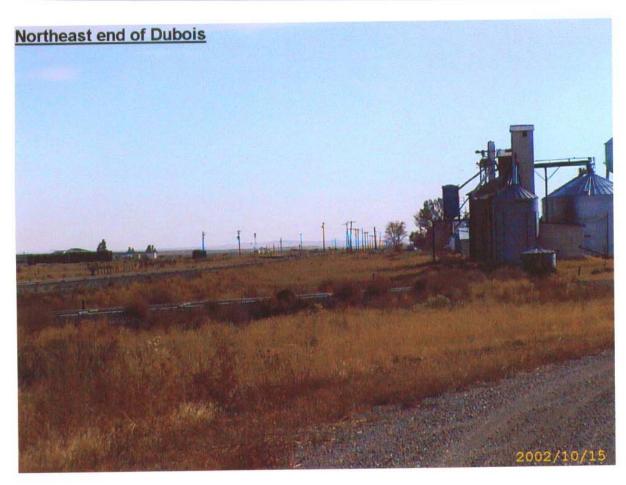
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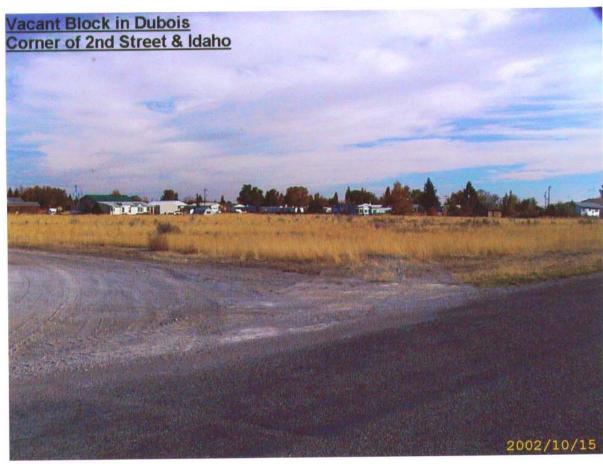
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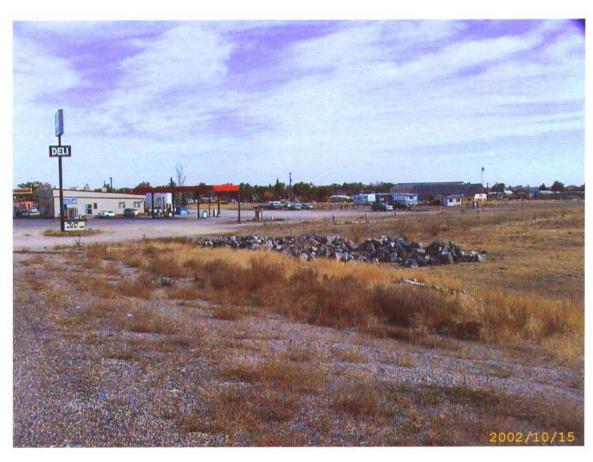
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Beaver Creek Zone Sheep Station Unit

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